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Application No. 10/764,069)	Group Art Unit: 2186
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Applicant: Barton et al.)	
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Title: Method and system for ensuring consistency of a group)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The applicant respectfully submits the following comments in response to the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The applicant submits that there are alternative bases for the allowability of the claims, which are not stated by the examiner. Also, the applicant does not necessarily agree with the examiner's wording concerning the claims, because the examiner has paraphrased the wording of the claims and has grouped together claims that have different wording.

Respectfully submitted,

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